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Applicant : Benjamin C. Huter et al.  
Filed : June 20, 2003  
Title : HINGED SHORT CAGE FOR AN  
EMBOLIC PROTECTION DEVICE  
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Examiner : Truong, Kevin T.  
Docket No.: : ACSES-64851 (2791C) Los Angeles, California  
Customer No. 24201 November 22, 2005

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MAIL STOP AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following Response is made to the final Office Action of September 22, 2005, the response to which is due December 22, 2005.

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